



now. Well, in this plight he came to his father's house. And his father fell on his neck and kissed him. Ugh! I wonder who he could?

In the town of A—the good people were trying to get up a revival and the leading members of the church were laboring earnestly, both in church and in the streets for the good work in motion. One day Deacon P. arrived at the house of Mrs. Brown, a very fashionable lady, hoping to call her in the movement. She was, seemingly, not in a very amiable frame of mind, and when the Deacon asked her if she was a promising subject to the Deacon made a bold push and came to the point at once. "Well, Mrs. Brown, I have called to see if you are prepared to be a widow?" "No, sir; I won't go out of the house until I get my new bonnet," said she apathetically.

Little Sadie was very fond of her minister, and paid great attention to his preaching. One Sabbath morning his subject was "Elijah's Faith," and how the rain came to an end in his prayer. Little Sadie was drawn in the region, and the pastor exerted his congregation to pray for rain. When starting to the afternoon service she was observed using her little umbrella. Her father said, "Sadie, you are taking a walk in the rain?" She quietly said, "Because Mr. T.—said we must pray for rain." The father smiled at the child's simplicity (as the rain was shining brightly), but little Sadie had her way.

When the rain did not come, a brisk shower surprised the audience, and no one had an umbrella except little Sadie—not even the pastor.

#### CHURCH SERVICES.

The Rev. L. B. Peeler, of Syracuse, N. Y., will preach at the Lincoln Park Church, corner of Sophia and Mohawk streets, morning and evening.

The Rev. Dr. Moore will preach at Plymouth Church, corner of Madison and State streets.

The Rev. Albert Bushnell will preach at the Leavitt Street Church, corner of Leavitt and Adams streets, morning and evening.

The Rev. L. S. Chamberlain will preach morning and evening at the New England Congregational Church, corner of State and North Dearborn streets.

The Rev. G. H. Richards, of Madison, Wis., will preach morning and evening at the Union Park Congregational Church.

RETRIBUTION.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas will preach at the First Church, corner of Clark and Washington streets, this morning and evening.

The Rev. Dr. Tiffany will preach at 10:45 a. m., and 4:45 p. m., at Tremont Church, corner of State and Dearborn streets. Evening subject: "Where Are the Nine?"

The Rev. Daniel Lord will preach in Grace M. Church, corner of North LaSalle and White streets, morning and evening.

The Rev. J. O. Peck will preach in the Centenary Methodist Church in the morning at 10:45 o'clock and in the evening at 7:45. Evening subject: "Young Men and the Sabbath."

The Rev. R. J. Langridge will officiate this evening at the South Baptist Church, corner of Larrabee and Dearborn streets.

The Rev. D. B. Cheney will preach morning and evening at the Fourth Baptist Church, corner of Washington and Dearborn streets.

The Rev. Florence McCarthy will preach at Amy Church, morning and evening. Morning subject: "The Sabbath and Hell."

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Conant will preach at the First Methodist Church in the morning at 10:45 o'clock and in the evening at 7:45. Evening subject: "The Sabbath and Hell."

The Rev. Dr. W. Everts, Jr., will preach at the First Congregational Church in the morning at 10:45 o'clock and in the evening at 7:45. Evening subject: "The Sabbath and Hell."

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Conant will preach in the morning at the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church.

The Rev. T. W. Goodspeed will preach in the Second Church, corner of Clark and Monroe streets, morning and evening.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Conant will preach in the Temple Baptist Church, corner of West Harrison and Sangamon streets. The Rev. J. L. Bush will preach in the evening.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Conant will preach in the Gospel Temple Church, corner of Twelfth and Clinton streets, morning and evening.

The Rev. Dr. Kelly will preach in the Baptist Church, on Locust street, near the Union Rolling Mill, at 3 p. m.

The Rev. Dr. D. Barnes, an Indian of the Seminole tribe, will preach morning and evening at the North Baptist Church, corner of Locust and Dearborn streets.

The Rev. Dr. D. B. Cheney will preach an evening service at Central Park Chapel, morning subject: "The Power of Prayer."

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Conant will preach morning and evening at the Westminister Church, morning subject: "Things Passed Away; All Things New."

The Rev. Dr. McNaug will preach at the Hills Avenue Church, morning and evening. Evening subject: "Ideal of Life."

The Rev. Dr. Kelly will preach in the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Clark and Monroe streets, morning and evening.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Conant will preach in the morning at the Eighth Presbyterian Church, corner of Washington and Dearborn streets, morning subject: "The Power of Prayer."

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Conant will preach morning and evening at the Westminister Church, morning subject: "The Sabbath and Hell."

The Rev. Dr. Kelly will preach at the minister's home at 11:45 a. m. Evening subject: "The Sabbath and Hell."

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## SOCIETY MEETINGS.

FAIRVIEW CHAPTER, No. 141, R. A. M.—Special meeting, 7 P.M., at the Hotel Cottage Grove, on the Thirtieth-st., Tuesday evening, Aug. 21, at 7 o'clock sharp, for work on the R. A. M. and M. D. Degree. Visiting ladies cordially invited. By order of E. A. TIDWELL, M. E. H. P.

J. E. CHADWICK, Secretary.

ATTENTION, SIR KNIGHTS!—Special concil of Chicago Commandery, No. 19, K. T. Order, on Aug. 20, 1875, for work on K. T. Order. Visiting Sir Knights cordially invited. By order of G. A. WILLIAMS, Recorder.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 69, R. A. M.—Special concil on Monday evening, Aug. 20, Work on the Mark Degree. J. O. DICKERSON, Secretary.

## The Chicago Tribune.

Sunday Morning, August 29, 1875.

At the New York Exchange on Saturday the price of greenbacks opened at 87½ and closed at 87½, all the sales having been made at this figure.

The hot weather has spread over the whole West. It is just the thing for corn, which is consolatory, very, for it is by no means just the thing for city children. While the sun grows, the children die.

The large propeller "Persian," plying between Chicago and Buffalo, was burned yesterday morning on Lake Erie. No lives were lost, but 67,000 bushels of grain were baked before their time. The vessel was valued at \$125,000, and is said not to have been insured.

There is unfortunately no season for embankment. It beats Tennyson's brook in going on forever. The daily bulletin of it is dated New Jersey this time. The State Treasurer has been arrested for embezzeling \$50,000. The sum is so small that the culprity may be punished.

It is announced that the affairs of the Bank of California have been put in the hands of an "Executive Committee"—that sounds better than "Receiver" or "Assignee"—consisting of WILLIAM ALVORD and GIDEON H. HOWARD. An estimate of assets and liabilities puts the former at \$6,000,000 and the latter at \$14,000,000. The stockholders, however, are good for the difference. One of them is said to be worth \$20,000,000.

The trouble between Great Britain and Burma has been settled. The State of Western Karenne, which lies between the two frontiers, is to be recognized by both Powers as inviolable neutral territory. The encroachment of Burma upon this State was the nominal cause of the threatened war, though the real cause was the Burmese help of the Chinese force which slaughtered an English exploring party in Indo-China. No satisfaction seems to have been given for this and no guarantee against similar occurrences in the future seems to have been exacted.

The ambiguous and almost non-existent person known as "the scholar in politics" has been again attracting public notice. Prof. ANDERSON, of Wisconsin, ventured into politics and was embroiled for his pains. Thereupon Prof. SWANSON, of Yale, writes the New York Evening Post a letter, which the latter publishes with the head, "Prof. SUMNER—The Scholar" who stands on the bench and writes essays to come down and join him in the arena." The Springfield Republican takes up the matter and encourages other scholars to go into politics by making a thoroughly unworthy fling at Mr. SUMNER. The latter's final sentence in the Post sums up the whole matter: "What is needed now is, not more thorough theoretical discussion of the scholar in politics, but that a few more should try it."

Earl GRANVILLE recently addressed a meeting at Dover, called to promote the objects of a National Training School for Music, and in the course of his address made some interesting remarks upon the musical tastes of the English Prime Minister and other prominent men. According to Earl GRANVILLE, the late Prime Minister, Mr. GLASSHOUSE, had one of the finest musical voices in his day, heard, and continues singing even to this day. DORAN, he thinks, is not very harmonious. The first Lord Ward, Prince HENRY DUKE of York, and Mr. PITT, were exceedingly fond of music. The late Duke of WELLINGTON was a constant attendant at the London concerts. It is a little singular, however, that Earl GRANVILLE in his citations should have omitted any mention of EDMUND BURKE, all of whom were not only fond of music, but were musicians, and the Duke of EDINBURGH, who is now making a reputation as a composer.

The Chicago produce markets were very irregular on Saturday. Mess pork was active and 85¢ per lb higher, closing at \$20.25¢ to 20.30¢ cash, and \$20.35¢ to 20.57¢ for October. Lard was quiet and 15¢ to 20¢ per lb higher, closing at \$18.10¢ to 18.15¢ cash, and \$18.20¢ to 18.25¢ for October. Meats were active and a shade easier, at 80¢ for shoulders, 11¢ to 12¢ for short ribs, and 11¢ to 12¢ for short steaks. High-wines were quiet and steady, at \$1.00 per gallon. Lake freights were in fair demand and unchanged; quoted at \$—. An acre of 16

Buffalo. Flour was more active, but weak. Wheat was in very good demand, and advanced 1½¢, closing at \$1.17 cash and \$1.18 for September. Corn was active, and 3¢ lower, closing at 64¢ cash or seller September, and 65¢ for October. Oats were dull and lower, closing at 39¢ cash, and 35¢ for September. Rice was quiet and firmer, at 8¢. Barley was quiet and stronger, closing at \$1.08 for September. Hogs were in moderate demand, at \$27.75¢ to 29¢ for common to extra light, and at \$7.75¢ to 8.00 for poor to fancy heavy. Cattle were slow of sale, and the feeling was easy. Prices were nominally the same as on Friday. Sheep sold moderately at \$3.00 to \$4.75 for poor to best. One hundred dollars in gold would buy \$115.87 in greenbacks at the close.

## RALSTON'S SUICIDE.

The suicide of RALSTON, the President of the Bank of California, is hardly consistent with the theory that the bank will be in a condition to pay much to its creditors. Taken in connection with the previous demand for his resignation, and the evidently frank statement that the bank had paid out \$1,400,000 during the day of the panic, this suicide indicates that the bank is more hopelessly crippled than has been stated; that it has really fallen of its own weight; and that Ralston has been acting beyond the knowledge and without the authority of his associates. It will not be surprising if it should turn out that he is a defaulter, and that in his defalcation the bank owes its fall.

The suicide of the great banker, who, after strutting his brief term of ostentatious wealth, has stepped down and out, though an act of cowardice, is perhaps the best thing he could have done; it has probably saved an immense amount of trouble, and he has furnished by contrast a great moral lesson. He undoubtedly thought it was far more honorable than settling his property in advance upon his family, and then going to Europe to live. He had not the courage to survive his failure, nor to witness the ruin of his victim, and the term courage in this sense is merely an equivalent for brazen mendacity and defiant cowardice. Had he not committed suicide, he might have offered his creditors, as DUNCOM, SHERMAN & Co. have done, 33 per cent, or as JAY COOKE & Co. have done, such a dividend as a Bankruptcy Court might declare.

RALSTON was not as brave as these men. He was not even as courageous as our own B. F. ALLEN, who never thought of suicide, though his financial condition was proportionately worse than that of the Californian.

Mr. RALSTON was deficient in courage in other particulars. He did not dare to live and read in the morning papers whining appeals by whining clergymen, extenuating if not justifying the wholesale robbery of thousands of persons on the ground that of the other people's money he had appropriated he was always a willing contributor to build up God's church and to pay the salary of God's ministers who in preaching the commandments to his congregation of bankers, and speculators, and gamblers, carefully omits "Thou shalt not steal." Ralston was a man of the world, and he preferred death to being the victim of such an apology.

Mr. RALSTON in his lifetime was a hospitable entertainer. His house was a home to whomever was admitted to it. He lavished the luxuries of life upon his guests; all that he had or could procure was at their disposal. He did not, however, fill his house with any one class or profession; his hospitality was cosmopolitan. He did not make his house the asylum for clergymen, to take back with them to their flocks, glowing invitations to invest in the railroad or other stocks and bonds which he was trying to palm off upon the public. In his prosperity he soothed such an act as this, and in his ruin—though he had not planned churchies or robust widows and orphans through the instrumentality of priests—he lacked the courage, so conspicuous in others, to meet the master-of-fact people whom money he had taken and lost.

He may have been, and undoubtedly was, a coward; but he was neither a hypocrite nor a liar. He had committed crime; he shrank from exposure; he had pride in his fame. When brought to the stand to give an account of his conduct he preferred death by his own hand than life purchased by perjury, even if that life was commended as an example to others by the tears and voice of the multitude.

With Ralston's death will terminate his enterprises, public and private. He will build no more railroads, open no more mines; he will purchase no more crops nor ship them on his fleets. He will buy no more stocks nor sell any more gold. He will engage in no politics, and will own no more diamonds. Whatever was his when he failed, he left to his victims. His palaces and his plate, his horse and his mines, he left to be given to his creditors. All he demanded was the universal inheritance—the few feet of ground which to put away his mortality. He sought a grave, for he had not the sublime courage which enables other swindlers in like circumstances to push on to completion island palaces, while creditors in all parts of the world are begging for their common sense to sustain life.

The world and the law construe flight as a confession of guilt. This is the true philosophical deduction from fact. But, because flight is evidence of guilt, it does not follow that there is no guilt when there is no flight. Ralston was unquestionably guilty of deeds which under a high public morality would be deemed infamous and punishable as high crimes. Such acts are, in some countries, punished as crimes. Had Ralston lived in France, it might be inferred that he had sought in suicide to avoid the punishment which the law had so rigorously visited upon previous offenders. But Ralston had no such future to expect in this country. A long line of illustrious predecessors walked before him. They wore no prison garments; they were not clothed in the rags of poverty, nor were they dependent on charity for food, raiment, or lodging. They were not shunned or avoided by society. Reticulation is an unknown or a forgotten principle. Embezzlement and fraudulent appropriation are no longer crimes of which either the law or society takes notice. No one asks how the rich man acquired his wealth; no one seems to care. The base man who robs the State or the public is a moral hero whose name figures proudly and prominently in all things, social, benevolent, religious, and political. When such a man appears in public, instead of being shamed, he feels proud of the admiration, if not envy, of his fellow men and women.

This man Ralston had bravely the perils of stage and boiler-explosions on the Mississippi River when a violent death was a mere question of time in his profession. He had bravely the perils of the poker-table when a revolver and eternal vigilance were essential to success in the game. He had lived in

Central America literally fighting for his existence. He had traversed the mines of California and Nevada, where weakness and cowardice invited murder. But, down in his heart, planted there perhaps by a mother's love, lived the lesson that stealing was a crime of which every man ought to be ashamed, and one demanding the exclusion of the guilty from the countenance and respect of all people whose respect is worth having. He was aware that all his predecesors lived and flourished, and were magnified in society, pillars in the Church and rulers in Government; still he had not the courage to imitate their boldness, nor the courage to brazen out, as they do, the meanness of their acts; and so, to avoid the shame that should attend such men as he, he sought death and eternity as preferable to worldly prosperity, exalted and despised even by himself.

## OUR STREET PAVEMENTS.

There is no doubt about the fact that the present lamentable condition of Chicago streets is doing the city much damage at home and abroad. We think that the difference of opinion as to the relative merits of the various styles of paving does much to keep property-owners in various parts of the city from acting in the matter. They are disinclined to pay the cost of laying the pine wood pavement in the old style on account of its perishable nature, which has been abundantly demonstrated. The experience of other cities is a warning against the adoption of asphalt, and our soft limestone will not furnish such a pavement as we have described being laid in Rochester, consisting of flagging as a foundation and layers of different-sized broken rocks, with tar and cement. The hard pavements have been found altogether too objectionable to warrant their adoption at this time. Some months ago comparative tests were made in London of the asphalt, granite, and wood pavements, to ascertain the extent of accidents. These experiments extended over fifty days. It was found that the wooden pavement was much more traveled than the others, and had a very much smaller proportion of accidents. It was also found that the accidents on the wood pavements were much less severe than on the others. The number of horses that fell during the fifty days or the streets noted were 2,327, and the total distance traversed was 478,533 miles; of these only 542 falls, or considerably less than one-third, were on the wood pavement. These observations confirm the experience of Chicago and other cities where wood pavements have been extensively laid, viz.: that they are the safest and best for the horses, the least wearing on the vehicles, and the most agreeable to the people who walk or ride, so long as they are in good repair.

The only valid objection to the wood pavement, therefore, is its costliness on account of rapid decay. If this can be overcome it will be the most desirable pavement that can be found for metropolitan life. It is in this direction, then, that new future experiments should be directed, and the first step is to abandon pine for cedar. The estimates based upon actual observation of the differences between the two woods are that the cedar pavement, laid in the round posts, will last twice as long as the pine blocks. We have seen samples of the Detroit cedar pavement, which has been laid there to a large extent with great satisfaction. It is put down in the simplest manner. The cedar posts are split into halves, each forming a semi-circular block. These blocks are laid with wooden strips between them, and the space filled with gravel and tar. But a precaution is taken in Detroit which is altogether rejected in Chicago. The practice there is to nail the cedar posts to the ground, so that they will not move. We have seen samples of the Detroit cedar pavement, which has been laid there to a large extent with great satisfaction. It is put down in the simplest manner. The cedar posts are split into halves, each forming a semi-circular block. These blocks are laid with wooden strips between them, and the space filled with gravel and tar. But a precaution is taken in Detroit which is altogether rejected in Chicago. The practice there is to nail the cedar posts to the ground, so that they will not move.

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pel and paper and set down, first, the entire income for the year. That is, the young man's salary and the young woman's earnings, if she has any. Then let them set down their actual necessary expenses. These will consist of rent, clothing, food, gas, water, the table, a servant, if they have one, insurance, interest, if they owe anything, taxes, down-town lunches, cigar, etc., sum for church purposes, books, gifts to friends, the newspaper, stationery, furniture, and a few other little items. Subtract them, and if the balance is in favor of the outgoing then retrenchment must be practiced. They must go over the list item by item, and see if some of them can possibly be omitted altogether, and if many of them cannot be reduced. Perhaps the rent is too large. Then get a cheaper house. The furniture may be too expensive; then cheaper must be had. The cigars may perhaps be eliminated, for a time at least. The down-town lunches may prove a burden from home to the office. Buying books is also expensive. This may be saved by getting books from the Public Library which cost nothing. Gifts also are expensive. Be courageous enough not to make them until the items may be reduced until the two may find themselves able to live within their income, and gradually procure some little luxuries. If they find that their income is more than sufficient to pay their ordinary expenses, then they should be direct communication with the artist, instead of depending upon picture-dealers, and so exciting the prejudices of a very sensitive class of men. The result of the extra work assumed by the Committee has been a heavy co-operation of all the leading artists of the country in making the gallery of 1875 better than anything ever exhibited even in the East. The Exposition has now become one of the features of the Northwest. Every one of the thousands who visit it goes through the gallery of paintings, and many persons visit it simply for the sake of seeing the pictures. Last year ad effort was made to have the gallery opened on Sunday, but the suggestion was too late to have a due effect. This year time has been taken by the forelock. A similar proposition is now pending before the Executive Committee. The Committee's evident intention to popularize the whole Exposition—an intention shown to hope for the success of this sensible request. We understand that the Art Committee favors the project.

The matter could be easily arranged. Let a temporary fenced passage be constructed between the main entrance and the art gallery. If this is done the services of a dozen ticket-takers, policemen, etc., will be all that is required. It is deemed best to do so, as it is the only way to have a due effect. This would avoid all conflict with church services. We should like to see the price of admission put as low as 10 cents, but this might result in overcrowding the art-rooms. The best plan would probably be to begin at 25 cents, and then lower the fee if it could be safely done.

Sunday is the people's day. It is the only day upon which the workman is at leisure. He is usually too weary to go out in the evening that follows a day of exhaustive toil. Hitherto, when the time came when he was about to enjoy the treasures of color in the gallery, he has found its doors shut. This policy should be changed, and kept out of the market. This looks like class-legislation in behalf of English land-owners. It amounts to levying a protective duty for the benefit of cattle-breeders. The importers have formed an association to secure the amendment of the obnoxious laws and to promote the importation of fresh beef on the hoof from the United States.

Some foolish and presumably cowardly members of the Scientific College of Yale University hazed a Freshman the other day, and by doing so kicked up an international quarrel. For the Freshman was a young Chinaman of high rank, and part of the gallery was little visited in the set form of spectators; there was a more or less intimate acquaintance with the customs of parliamentary bodies; and between the two it often happened that the whole Convention was in a most indignant uproar. At times there would be as many as twenty-five members occupying the floor, agitating wildly and roaring at the top of their voices. "Pisces of order" were common, ignorant negroes, it may be said, without involving the Civil Rights law, are better than other ignorant men; and when ignorant men who fancy that they are skilled politicians are less loose in a deliberative assembly the consequence is certain to be no endurable confusion. Such is the expense at Richmond. One delegate who had made forward and expressed their desire to become active participants, or to show their approval of first-class means of instruction and entertainment, that acquired the name of "the Chinese Minister" and deserved it. The Chinese Minister at Washington has investigated the matter and sent home a report to his Government. The latter may ask satisfaction for the insult. S. W. DODGE, a delegate from Pennsylvania, declared: "We've done here enough about 'parliamentary' to make us sick of it." He has been a member of the Chinese delegation to the United States, and was looked upon as the most competent authority in England upon the question of mining deposits. He has left a great quantity of papers and reports, which are said to be very valuable as references in geological and mining matters.

The London Times announces the recent death of W. J. HEDGWELL, F. R. S., one of the most celebrated of Cornish mineralogists. He had made a complete study of the Cornish mineral region, and was looked upon as the most competent authority in England upon the question of mining deposits. He has left a great quantity of papers and reports, which are said to be very valuable as references in geological and mining matters.

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# THE COLLAPSE.

Affairs in San Francisco Assuming Their Usual Aspect.

Public Opinion Divided at the Cause of Ralston's Death.

Testimony Taken Before the Coroner's Jury of Little Importance.

King Ralston and the Domain of the Bank of California.

How It Ruled the Business and Ran the Politics of the Pacific Coast.

Sketch of the Career of the Great Money Magazine.

He Had the Daring of a Gambler and the Tastes of a Sardanapalus.

The San Francisco Bulletin on the Prominent Traits in Ralston's Character.

Other Banks in San Francisco Reported to Be in Good Condition,

And Will Resume Business in a Very Few Days.

Liabilities of the Bank of California Estimated at \$14,000,000.

Assets of the Concern Placed Between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

THE DEAD KING.

PUBLIC SYMPATHY.

THE BODY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—The body of William C. Ralston, the President of the suspended Bank of California, was drowned himself last evening in a casket and taken from his home to the residence of Col. Fry. The funeral will take place on Sunday, and the inquest this afternoon.

PUBLIC TALE.

Ralston forms the principal of a corporation. Plaques are at half-mast throughout the city, and expressions of regret are to be seen on every side. Later information tends strongly to disprove the theory of his suicide, and the statements of his attending physicians go to the fact that his death resulted from asphyxia.

LET ME TELL YOU. Mr. Ralston transferred all his property to Senator William Sharon for the benefit of his wife and Mr. Sharon, in receiving the trust, yielded his honor to stand by his old friend to the last dollar of his own private fortune.

RALSTON'S FUNERAL.

PROCESSION TUESDAY.

THE DEAD KING.

INQUISTION.

TESTIMONY TAKEN YESTERDAY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—The jurors on the Ralston inquest are: John B. Garniss, G. L. Miller, H. F. Williams, A. C. Cohen, R. F. Morrow, J. R. Keene, W. H. L. Barnes, J. C. L. Wadsworth.

JOSEPH DETHMOR.

Proprietor of the Neptune Bath-House, testified as follows: Ralston came to take a bath at half-past 2. He usually came early in the morning. My son-in-law served him. He did not see him eat the water. Had no conversation with him. Two young men went in with him. They shortly ran in and said something was the matter with that man. They, with my son-in-law, went out in a boat and watched for Ralston to appear at the piles, but saw nothing of him. He was passing perfectly fine when he came to the bath-house. My son-in-law checked him. He said he would dry himself and take a shower before going in.

CHARLES RICHARDSON.

Son-in-law of the last witness, testified: Ralston was smiling and cheerful when he came to the bath-house. Walked on him, and took off his coat. Walked him against going in when he did. He did not see him eat the water. Said he was a swimmer. About fifteen minutes after he went in. A young man told me something was wrong with him. Pushed out in a boat and met another boat with Ralston's body. Ralston was in the habit of swimming some distance when he bathed. Did not see him in the water.

THOMAS C. BROWN.

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## AMUSEMENTS.

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THE DRAMA.

IN CHICAGO.—HIGH CHARGES.

Now that the season is beginning to open up, the attention of the public is once more called to the prevalence of the very high price charged for admission to the Chicago theatres. Previous to the War the theatres flourished upon receipts from one-third to one-half the present, and theatrical business was never better. During the War the price of amusement, like that of everything else, went up to a preposterous figure. In nearly every other branch of business a great reduction has been made. In the theatrical business almost all prices have been reduced to the lowest point. Theatres are open and for hard cash, and preposterously so. Managers are recklessly charging \$1.20 and \$1.25 per seat in the most desirable parts of the theatre during the performances of regular pieces, or in the stock season when no particular attraction holds the boards. The moment an improvement is made in the performance, instantly 25 or 50 cents more is tacked on to the already exorbitant charge. It is not astonishing that during last season the rate at every theatre in the city was a meager attendance, and the exception a good one. It is astonishing that anybody will consent to pay the additional sum when a manager thinks he can collect it.

The theatres in Chicago are coming again into pretty sharp competition. There will, in a few days, be six in operation two of them—Adelphi, the new, and the old, and the other three of admission: Mr. McVicker's two theatres, Hooley's, and the Academy of Music, still adhering to War rates.

It is evident that some of them will close, just as some of them did last season for want of patronage, and it is not probable that the low-priced houses will be the sufferers.—PROBABLY, of course, the theatres will give a fair entertainment. Another reason of course, is that they find their way into theatrical affairs, an element highly disreputable to the managers of all places of amusement. In the beer-hall, with musical accompaniment, there are some places well established in the city of the better type, and scores of second-class imitations. These all live on the amusement-going public, and the draft sales, which would not move otherwise. It is natural that the public should be attracted to the grade of society, and seek amusement in the same way. What are the theatres going to do about it?

There is no very bad taste. The managers of them last week gave emphasis to the inquiry. Adelphi has recently gone back to high prices, and its business has been very bad. It is natural that the public should pay a high price for a good entertainment. It requires money. The most impenetrable character to raise them for a poor one. The latter is an abominable posturing of Adelphi managers. The public will be well satisfied that the matter is settled, and the price will go up once and regulate them. It should fix the maximum figure for dramatic entertainments at 75 cents, and refuse to increase for any reason.

Five of them will be well satisfied to do as much, and from present appearance Chicago, this season, will not see many more. The same per capita manager has decided to give up every inferior entertainment; second-class pieces, wearisome, hackneyed stars and plays deserve little of novelty and merit. Let them come down to the second-class price of admission.

THE THEATRE.

Business has been bad during the week, very light even for the end of August. John Dillon, at Hooley's, alone seemed to catch the popular taste, which has set for him since his return. Edwin Adams played to houses much lighter than he should have had; the new Chicago Theatre was a very discouraged look of emptiness, and the Adelphi was hot and deserted. This week Emerson's Minstrels play at Hooley's; Edwin Adams plays March, Adrin at Mr. McVicker's, and a Chicago journal is announced for his name. John Dowd, Byron is the star at the Adelphi; Frank Murphy's Ebsen's exhibits at Aurora Turner Hall.

WOOD'S MUSICAL COMPANY.

Following in the new company at Wood's Mu-

scum:

John Farren,

Henry Lovell,

J. P. Hollings,

Frank Lovell,

Andrew Jayne,

John Lovell,

James Marion,

John Lovell,

Lemon Sillwell,

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## CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

**A Quincy Policeman Brings Down a Fugitive Thief.**

**The State Treasurer of New Jersey Charged with the Embezzlement of \$200,000.**

**Another Fearful Murder and Outrage in the Indian Territory.**

**A MUCH-ABUSED-HUSBAND.**

**Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.**

**CARONDALE, Ill., Aug. 28.—**Miles Brooks was arrested at Carondale, Ill., yesterday, while intoxicated. He states that he belongs to the Williamson County Ku-Klux. Upon search, several masks were found upon his person. He is held for the United States Commissioners' order. Brooks formerly lived here, and has a bad character.

A hull in the vendetta probably indicates more bloody deeds soon.

**FOUND HIS MASTERS.**

**Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.**

**LASALLE, Ill., Aug. 28.—**Martin Van Buren Bates, known as the Kentucky Giant, residing near Cleveland, O., accompanied by his wife, passed through this city to-day, arriving from the South by the Illinois Central and departing for the Wabash by the Chicago Rock Island. The wife is the daughter of a prominent road leader, a ranconie with a prominent fixture, for which the magistrate assessed him, and fined him \$10 and costs.

**CHARGED WITH FORGERY.**

**Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.**

**ST. PAUL, Aug. 28.—**A writ of habeas corpus issued from the District Court in the case of Charles F. Parker, charged by the police of this city on the authority of a telegram from Sheriff Hapke, in, assuming Parkhurst of perforating an \$1,200 forged upon the First National Bank of this place.

**ANOTHER DEFAULTING STATE TREASURER.**

**TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 28.—**A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Josephus Lavy, Jr., the State Treasurer, who is charged with embezzling \$50,000.

**PITTSBURGH, Aug. 28.—**dispatch from Trenton, N. J., says: The defalcation of the State Treasurer amounts to \$200,000.

**Lester Lavy returned, and was arrested.**

**THE JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., HOMICIDE.**

**New Albany, Ind., Aug. 28.—**The preliminary examination of parties engaged in the Jeffersonville homicide resulted in holding the paramour of the deceased, a prostitute, in criminal confinement in the sum of \$500, and Howard, in \$200.

Lovette died last night in \$200. The parties were conveyed to the County jail at Charlestown.

**A SWINDLER.**

**New Albany, Ind., Aug. 28.—**An impostor named Dr. James Harvey Comstock, who defrauded a number of citizens of sundry amounts in the aggregate reaching several hundred dollars, absconded to-day. He was an eye and ear doctor, and stopped long enough to recruit his party.

**ARREST OF A YOUNG ENAMELLE.**

**New York, Aug. 28.—**—A special to The Chicago Tribune says: last evening the police authorities were informed that a colored man named Phillips was in the city attempting to borrow a small sum of money for the purpose of obtaining an elegant watch which a certain other colored man wished to dispose of at a low figure. After evading the officers for some time the fellow was arrested on the lave, and while on the way to the station made a sudden lunge and leaped away from the officers. The party soon entered, out of which Phillips was taken, and he was held in custody. Phillips, and ordered him to stop. Without the least warning of his intentions, Phillips turned upon Naylor and stabbed him twice in the chest. Naylor, after a brief struggle, fired at his assailant without effect, but a second shot hit him in the leg, and Phillips fell to the ground. He was then captured and taken to the station. The two parties were then separated, and the officers who had arrested him were also separated. Rumors in existence place these parties as the principals in the late thefts which have occurred along the river, and it is believed that the arrests will lead to important discoveries.

**BURGLARY.**

**BANGOR, Me., Aug. 28.—**The safe of Gates & Knapp, 11, Main street, was broken open by burglars last night, and robbed of a large amount of money.

**A BURGLARY FRUSTRATED.**

**New York Tribune, Aug. 28.**

Three burglars attempted to enter Surgeon General Hammond's house at No. 45 West Forty-fourth street, yesterday morning, but were foiled by the constabulary of Dr. Hammond. Two of them probably are members of Dr. Hammond's bed-room, and the indicator pointed to his consulting-room window. Dr. Hammond was awoken by the alarm, and, after striking a match and seeing were the burglars were effecting an entrance, he turned off the switch and stopped the bell. He then took a large loaded revolver and went to the window of the third floor which overlooked the consulting-room window. There Dr. Hammond saw three men about to enter the consulting-room window. He raised his revolver and began firing. The first shot the burglar, and the other operations were at the second. Dr. Hammond fired twice more to also affect. Dr. Hammond's first two shots hit the last shot one of the burglars cried, "Bull! I'm shot." Then a return shot was fired. The ball passed near the right eye of Dr. Hammond's head, and buried itself in the wall.

After this shot, the burglars fled.

**ROUNDSMAN WEBB.**

**Chicago Tribune, Aug. 28.—**—A rounder between the ages of 8 and 9, three masked men called at the residence of a widow lady by the name of Van Hadden, 70 years of age, living alone about half-way between this place and Eagle, and called a for water. She refused to admit them when they burst open the door and secured the old lady, nearly choking her, before taking a town over her shoulder and held her in a room where she was confined from her cell to garret. But \$1.50 was found, although a considerable amount of money was in her possession. They then procured a rope and bound the old lady, who was laid down and a cloth thrown upon her. The rascals then made good their escape. She was nearly suffocated and badly bruised, the round hands of the rascals being prominent and made the affair known to the police. Much information is to be had by this outrage upon old age, and no clue to the perpetrators.

Palmira and vicinity seems to be infested by these scampers.

**INDIAN TERRITORY LAWLESSNESS.**

**Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.**

**DETROIT, Aug. 28.—**—The work of lawlessness still goes on in the Indian Territory. A few days ago John Kene, a white man, was shot and killed by the Navahos with his family on his way to Texas. His family consisted of a wife and four children, and a grown daughter. When about 40 miles north of Fort Gibson, while walking a short distance ahead of his wagon, Kene was met by two Indians, who killed and robbed him. When the Indians had secured the horses all took the man and his family to a great distance. Much information is to be had by this outrage upon old age, and no clue to the perpetrators.

Burgess, the desperado who killed Hatchet last Saturday while trying to escape from the law, who had arrested him, was shot and killed, and then ridden with bullet.

**A MEAN THIEF.**

**Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.**

**DETROIT, Aug. 28.—**—Nicholas Brown, who has been living at Mr. Kellogg's, a few miles of here, and been loafing for a week, yesterday noon, robbed Tim O'Connor's house. He stole a \$20-gilt of clothes, some parades from the baby's bank, a tuning-fork, etc. He then went to Marx's store, stole some articles, got some liquor, and dined. He was pursued and captured this morning by a Constable's posse at a house of ill-fame. He got a revolver, and, being drunk and Sunday, crawled into the porch and lay down a fire into the arms of Officer Keenan. The goods are not all recovered. He had a revolver, and being drunk and Sunday, he crawled into the porch and lay down a fire into the arms of Officer Keenan. It is also creditably asserted that he has seduced several girls hereabout.

**BRIGADES.**

**Special Correspondent of The Chicago Tribune.**

**DETROIT, Aug. 28.—**Covered wagons passed here yesterday, nicely painted and lettered in blue and gold. "Holiness to the Lord," the inscription extending the entire length of the wagon-box. The horses were young and fat.

**VINTAGE.**

**Special Correspondent of The Chicago Tribune.**

**DETROIT, Aug. 28.—**—Our neighboring village of Farley has been disgraced with another brutal outrage, which may result in murder. This morning Captain Quinlan, a saloon-keeper, while laboring under the effects of forty-odd whisky, has dispute with his wife. When he threw her down, hammered her over the head with a chair, and kicked her in the back, she abdomen, and heavy heart, only stopping his blows, work was done. She was dead. At last someone the woman was still alive. Sheriff Ladd arrested Quinlan this afternoon, and he is now in jail in Dubuque to await the result of his trial's finding.

**THE NEW YORK CANAL FRAUD.**

**DETROIT, Aug. 28.—**A warrant of arrest has been issued against Tad C. Davis, one of the Canal Assessors, and his co-conspirator, who is alleged to have been wrongfully obtained by him upon one of the John Hand awards, in which he appears to have acted in concert with George D. Davis, who has already been arrested. Tad Davis

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